

REMARKS

Claims 1-69 are pending. The Examiner has allowed claims 43-60, 68 and 69. Claims 1, 25, and 61 have been amended to more clearly describe the invention. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at pages 8-9 of the specification. No new matter has been introduced.

Rejections under obviousness-type double patenting

Claims 1-42 and 61-67 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,322,901. See page 2 of the Office Action.

A terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) is being filed with this reply to obviate the double patenting rejections over U.S. Patent No. 6,322,901.

In view of the terminal disclaimer being filed with this reply, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants ask that all claims be allowed. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 19-4293.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 8-11-04



Harold H. Fox  
Reg. No. 41,498

Steptoe & Johnson LLP  
1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036-1795  
Phone: 202-429-3000  
Fax: 202-429-3902